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REMARKS

Favorable reconsideration of this application is requested in view of the following remarks. Claims 1-33 and 44-52 remain actively pending in the case. No new matter has been added. Reconsideration of the claim is respectfully requested.

In paragraph 3 on page 2 of the Office Action, Claims 1, 2, 7, 8, 10, 11, 13-17, 22, 23, 25, 26, 28-33, 44, 45, 48-52 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over *Parulski et al.* U.S. Patent No. 5,595,389 in view of *Small* U.S. Patent No. 5,791,991,725. In paragraph 8 on page 5 of the Office Action, Claims 3-6, 18-21, 46, 47 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over *Parulski et al.* in view of *Small* and *Walker et al.* U.S. Patent No. 6,203,427. In paragraph 10 on page 5 of the Office Action, Claims 9 and 24 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over *Small* in view of *Barnett et al.* U.S. 6,336,099. In paragraph 11 on page 6 of the Office Action, Claims 12 and 27 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over *Parulski et al.* in view of *Small* U.S. Patent No. 5,791,991 and *Von Kohorn* U.S. Patent No. 5,916,024. Applicants respectfully traverse the rejections.

As admitted by the Office Action *Parulski* fails to teach or suggest end-of-game messages. More specifically, *Parulski* fails to teach or suggest at least a computer readable storage medium having a computer program which when loaded into a personal computer of a user automatically displays a prestored message provided in said storage medium to said user upon playing or completion of said game.

*Small* fails to remedy the deficiencies of *Parulski* as *Small* also fails to teach or suggest at least a computer readable storage medium having a computer program which when loaded into a personal computer of a user automatically displays a prestored message provided in said storage medium to said user upon playing or completion of said game. Rather, *Small* discloses that a CPU 2 in a database 1 provides graphic and alphanumeric programs 3 that are suitable for generating an interactive screen displays such as the display 4 in Fig. 3. See Col. 5, lines 1-13. A consumer, using a personal computer 15, selects the Website address 11 of the database 1 and connects to the database 1 via the


Internet. CPU 2 of database 1 then sends screen displays, such as messages, to monitor 24 of the customer's personal computer 15. *See* Col. 6, lines 36-47. Accordingly, in Small, the CPU 2 of database 1 generates and transmits messages to the customer's personal computer 15 over the Internet. Small does not display prestored message provided in said storage medium on a personal computer of a user.

Thus, it is submitted that further consideration of claim rejections under 35 USC 103(a) upon the citing of the third, forth and fifth applied prior art reference to Walker, Barnett and Von Kohorn is moot, inasmuch as the combination of Parulski, Small, Walker, Barnett and Von Kohorn still lack any teaching, disclosure, or suggestion concerning automatically displaying a prestored message provided in said storage medium to said user upon playing or completion of said game as previously discussed.

Therefore, Applicants' independent claim 1 is patentable over the cited references. Rejected independent claims 17, 32 and 44 recite one or more feature generally similar to those of claim 1 discussed above. Accordingly, for similar reasons as discussed above, independent claims 17, 32 and 44 and their dependencies are believed to be patentable over the cited references. Nevertheless, Applicants are not conceding the correctness of the Office Action's rejection with respect to such dependent claims and reserve the right to make additional arguments if necessary.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees in connection with this communication to Eastman Kodak Company Deposit Account No. 05-0225.

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